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In re Patent No. 6,541,008	:	
Issue Date: April 1, 2003	:	ON PETITION
Application No. 09/431,888	:	
Filed: November 2, 1999	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed October 24, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any petition for reconsideration of this decision must be accompanied by the petition fee of \$400 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f). The petition for reconsideration must include the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

The patent expired on April 2, 2011 for failure to pay the seven and one half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provide in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

When an assignee first seeks to take action in a matter before the Office with respect to a patent application, patent, or reexamination proceeding, the assignee must establish its ownership of the property to the satisfaction of the Director. 37 CFR 3.73(b). The assignee's ownership may be established under 37 CFR 3.73(b) by submitting to the Office, in the Office file related to the matter in which action is sought to be taken:

(A) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (e.g., copy of an executed assignment submitted for recording) and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37CFR 3.11; or

(B) a statement specifying, by reel and frame number, where such evidence is recorded in the Office. Documents submitted to establish ownership are required to be recorded, or

submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11, as a condition to permitting the assignee to take action in a matter pending before the Office.

A copy of the form PTO/SB/96 for providing the statement required under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is attached.

If this petition is not renewed or if renewed and not granted, then petitioner may request a refund of the maintenance fee and surcharge fees paid. The fee for requesting reconsideration is not refundable.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. In the such inquiry results in the discovery that they delay in paying the maintenance fee under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Petitioner has appointed a representative to conduct all business before the Patent and Trademark Office (Office). The Office will not engage in dual correspondence with petitioner and petitioner's representative. Accordingly, petitioner must conduct all future correspondence with this Office through the representative of record. If petitioner no longer wishes to be represented by the representative of record, then a revocation of the power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A correspondence address must be included on the correspondence instructing the Office where all future communications should be mailed.

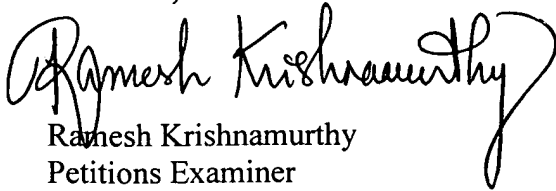
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ramesh Krishnamurthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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